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Vinegar, et al.

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For: IN SITU THERMAL PROCESSING  
OF A COAL FORMATION TO  
CONVERT A SELECTED TOTAL  
ORGANIC CARBON CONTENT  
INTO HYDROCARBON PRODUCTS

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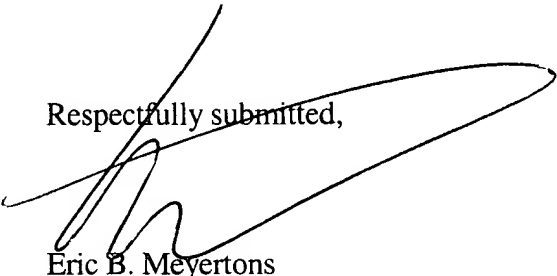
Sir:

Applicant received a Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed October 23, 2001 ("Notice"), in the above identified application indicating that signatures of some of the inventors were missing from the Oath or Declaration which was received by the Patent Office. However, Applicant notes that in the Preliminary Amendment mailed on September 25, 2001 the following names were removed from the list of inventors: Gordon T. Shahin, James L. Menotti, John M. Coles, Charlie R. Keedy, Ajay M. Madgavkar, Martijn van Hardeveld, Lanny Schoeling, and Fred G. Carl. The Declaration

was submitted with the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed on September 25, 2001 and included the signatures of all of the inventors on the list of inventors as amended, including Kevin Albert Maher. Enclosed herewith is a postcard receipt date-stamped by the United States Patent and Trademark Office evidencing receipt of twenty three pages of the Preliminary Amendment and four pages of the Declaration. Also enclosed is a copy of the previously submitted Declaration. Since the Declaration with the appropriate signatures was submitted with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed on September 25, 2001, Applicant believes the Notice of Incomplete Reply was sent in error.

Applicant believes that no fees are due in association with the submission of this document. If any extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account Number 05-1505/5659-06100/EBM

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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

*Filing Date Granted*

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 10/01/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 06/25/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- o The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:  
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*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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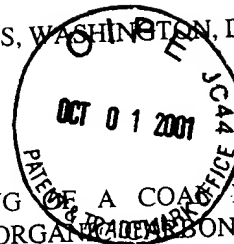
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The date stamp of the mail room of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office hereon will acknowledge receipt of the attached: (1) Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted Mailed June 25, 2001 (2 pages); (2) Copy of Form PTO-1533 (1 page); (3) Form PTO-1595 Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (1 page); (4) Originally executed Assignment (3 pages); (5) Originally executed Declaration (4 pages); (6) Preliminary Amendment (23 pages); (7) Marked up version of amendments (18 pages); (8) Clean version of Title Page (1 page); (9) Marked up version of Title Page (1 page); (10) Fee authorization form in the amount of \$2,016.00 for fees; and (11) A return postcard.

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